

Assembly Bill No. 945

CHAPTER 262

An act to amend Sections 24002 and 42815 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 945, Committee on Agriculture. Secretary of Food and Agriculture regulation: equine drugs: fruits, nuts, and vegetables standards.

Existing law prohibits, as specified, the showing of a horse at a public horse show, competition, or sale if the horse has been administered a prohibited substance. Existing law exempts from these provisions on the drugging of horses any individual horse show, competition, or sale that is certified by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, with a 30-day written notice of a public hearing to the advisory committee, if the secretary determines that specified criteria are satisfied.

This bill would delete the exemption from the provisions on the drugging of horses applicable to any horse show, competition, or sale certified by the secretary.

Existing law generally creates standards for fruits, nuts, and vegetables. Existing law requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to create an industry-funded standardization program for the purpose of implementing these standards. Existing law requires the secretary to adopt regulations that he or she determines are reasonably necessary to carry out this program, including, but not limited to, establishing assessment rates and procedures for payment of assessments. Existing law repeals the standardization program provisions on January 1, 2010.

This bill would extend the repeal date until January 1, 2015.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 24002 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

24002. The secretary has jurisdiction of all events under this chapter and shall administer and enforce this chapter.

SEC. 2. Section 42815 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

42815. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2015, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which becomes

effective on or before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

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